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LB 89, 91, 1272

LB 89, wasn't there a \$17,000 threshold there?

SENATOR CROSBY: Off the top of my head, I'm...that sounds familiar but I can't quite remember what that threshold was.

SENATOR HEFNER: But since that time we have corrected that?

SENATOR CROSBY: You raised it? We what?

SENATOR HEFNER: No, I mean we lowered that so that all teachers would participate.

SENATOR CROSBY: Yes, I think that...I believe that's true. I think that's true, that they did lower it. Isn't that right, Senator Withem, to make it more whatever?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Withem, would you care to respond? Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, I did, Senator Hefner, I did go out to the rotunda and asked some people that were in the know on that. When we passed LB 91, we passed it without the Conway amendment and, consequently, about 600 teachers who under LB 89 did not qualify for any reimbursement are now figured within the formula, so they do, in fact, those schools do, in fact, get money under 91. They didn't get it under 89.

SENATOR HEFNER: Just so I understand it correctly, all teachers now in Nebraska participate in the Teacher Incentive Act?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: All school districts do. School districts get money at the local level. They make a determination of how the money is distributed. I do not know if every individual teacher in the state gets it, but every teacher in the state counts in the formula and every school district gets money to distribute. But who actually gets the checks is a decision that's negotiated at the local level.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, and who does this on the local level? Is that the school board?